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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND OTHER TAX PRACTICES

REF: STATE 279433; LONDON 16793, LONDON 16805

1. FINANCIAL ATTACHE HAD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH JOHN CHOWN, ON VACATION IN SWITZERLAND. CHOWN SAID HE WROTE TWO ARTICLES ON DISC SOME YEARS AGO, ONE IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES (FT) AND ONE IN THE FT TAX LETTER. CHOWN SAID HE WAS SOMEWHAT CRITICAL OF DISC IN THE ARTICLES AND EXPECTED HE WOULD BE EQUALLY CRITICAL OF BELGIAN, FRENCH AND NETHERLANDS TAX MEASURES. BASICALLY HE IS A "QUALIFIED FREE TRADE MAN," CRITICAL OF MEASURES INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENTS WHICH RESTRICT TRADE OR INWARD AND OUTWARD INVESTMENT. THIS MUCH SAID, HE RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE FORCED TO TAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH MEASURES.

2. CHOWN WILL RETURN TO LONDON NEXT WEEK, AS NOTED LONDON 16805, AND HAS PROMISED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TEXT OF HIS ARTICLES TO US AT THAT TIME. HE SAYS, IN PRINCIPLE, HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE GATT PANELS ON DISC AND OTHER TAX PRACTICES, SUBJECT TO KNOWING MORE ABOUT WHAT THIS ENTAILS, REMUNERATION, ETC.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY HOW TO PROCEED.

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